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SUBJECT:STATUS OF YUGOSLAV UN MISSION ASSAILANTS

REF: A) BELGRADE 4826, BELGRADE 4930, C) USUN 2247,
D) USUN 2328

1. REF D UPDATES THE SITUATION FOLLOWING THE JULY 20
HEARING IN NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT. THE STATE
TRIAL IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 6, AND WE UNDERSTAND THE
FEDERAL TRIAL IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 12. REF D REPORTS
THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE IN PROGRESS TO DETERMINE WHICH
TRIAL DATE WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE.

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2. BAIL PER PERSON STILL STANDS AT \$100,000 FOR THE
FEDERAL COURT AND \$40,000 FOR THE STATE. TO GAIN RE-
LEASE ON BAIL, EACH DEFENDANT WOULD HAVE TO MEET THE
COMBINED TOTAL OF \$140,000. SO FAR NONE HAS MANAGED
TO POST THIS AMOUNT, AND ALL THREE DEFENDANTS REMAIN
IN CUSTODY. REF D ADDS FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING
MARIJAN BUCONJIC'S OFFER OF \$40,000 WHICH, IF ACCEPTED,

WOULD RESULT IN HIS BEING TRANSFERRED FROM STATE TO
FEDERAL CUSTODY.

3. IN LIGHT OF CONTINUED YUGOSLAV MISSTATEMENTS IN THE
PRESS AND, PARTICULARLY, FOREIGN MINISTER MINIC'S RE-
MARKS TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY (REF B), THE DEPARTMENT
BELIEVES THE EMBASSY SHOULD SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT
BY RAISING THIS MATTER AT THE WORKING LEVEL IN THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY, AND EXPLAINING THAT THESE DISTORTIONS SERVE
ONLY TO CONFUSE THE PUBLIC AND CAUSE UNNECESSARY MIS-
UNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN US. VANCE

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